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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
GROUP ART UNIT: 2411
Docket No. 122.1046/GMG

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Tokimori TOMITA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2411

Serial No.: 08/187,543

Examiner: J. Thomas

Filed: January 28, 1994

For: SERVICE POINT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR USE IN SALES
PROMOTION SERVICES

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 29, 1996, having a period for response set to expire on February 28, 1997 (February 29 not occurring in 1997). The February 28, 1997 due date is extended two months to April 29, 1997 in the Petition for Extension of Time for two Months filed concurrently herewith, together with the requisite fee.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (TWICE AMENDED) A point management system employing a computer for managing points issued to each customer who receives service according to the issued points, comprising:

point issue means for issuing the points to the customer according to transactions performed by the customer;

point accumulation means for calculating and accumulating the issued points for more than two events;

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same clarify the patentably distinguishing features of the present invention over the foregoing references relied upon, without broadening the scope of the claims.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing rejections having been overcome, the application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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